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Dear MLPA North Coast Stakeholders Committee:

My husband and I have owned two acres of land and a home on Haven's Neck Drive for almost forty years. In April we joined 19 other families who live in the area in purchasing part of Haven's Neck peninsula in order to create the Haven's Neck Preserve. Although my husband and I always had an easement to go down on Haven's Neck beaches from the former owner, we spent our money (a considerable amount for us as we both work for non-profit organizations) to join others in preserving and sustaining the land and beaches that we have treasured over the years.

We have only recently become aware of the developments of the North Coast Stakeholders Committee meetings and would like to offer additional voices of people who are extremely concerned about plans the committee is making that would preclude us and others from enjoying Haven's Neck beaches, tidepools and fishing.

My husband and I love to fish. We both bought lifetime fishing licenses many years ago. We have fished from both the south and north cove of Haven's Neck but our favorite place for fishing is the large boulder right in the middle of the North Cove. Over the many years that we have been fishing, the cabezone and rock fish have been abundant, so much so that we have never once failed to come home with a fish for dinner. And we never take more than two fish during our visits. It was at Haven's Neck where we first taught our three children to fish (two are now vegetarians). More recently our four grandchildren all have caught their first fish at Haven's Neck.

Fishing in and exploring the diverse tidepools of Haven's Neck was inspiration for my daughter. In fact, she was the first high school student ever to be allowed to take the college marine biology course one summer in Bodega Bay. Her love of sea life and looking at patterns for hours and hours in the tidepools of Haven's Neck lead her to major in Marine Biology.

We implore you to not take away our ability to fish and to enjoy and preserve such a pristine aquaculture. The land has been precious to our family for three generations and our enjoyment of it has had a very minor impact, if any, on the lush marine life of that area.

We and the other members of Haven's Neck Preserve have purchased this land because we share a common love and desire to care for the land and sea so that we and future generations may enjoy it.

Sincerely yours,

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